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Unified Command Site Bulletin: Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident Response— Update 7/8/16

MAYWOOD, CALIF. – The Unified Command for the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident in Maywood, Los Angeles County, Calif., continues response operations and assessment of hazardous materials in the aftermath of the fire that began on June 14, 2016. The Unified Command is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD).

Response Highlights:

Twelve more households have been approved to move back into their homes. Since July 2, 2016, 30 residences have been notified that they are able to move back home.

On July 6th, a fabric cover was placed on the debris piles on the burned facility to prevent any migration of dust or ash from leaving the facility while the final cleanup plan is prepared and approved.

On July 7th, additional fences were installed behind the property of where the fire took place to prevent debris from moving onto residential property.

On July 7th, 2016, the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) and Red Cross met with families that are still evacuated. NLSLA met with families to provide free legal assistance on issues connected to the fire. Red Cross assisted families that are still temporarily relocated.

The Community Information Center (CIC) will continue to be open to the community at the corner of Everett Ave. and E. 52nd St., in Maywood, CA. The CIC has provided information to more than 200 residents since its opening on June 27, 2016. The phone number for the CIC is 323-267-3843. Below are the operating hours:

Friday, July 8 th :	8 am-8 pm
Saturday, July 9:	9 am-5 pm
Sunday, July 10:	9 am-5 pm
Monday, July 11:	8 am-8 pm

Fire-damaged structures continue to be removed today from two residential properties. Once the damaged debris is removed, the parcels will be inspected and any final cleaning will be completed. Adjacent properties will also be inspected to ensure that no ash or debris migrated to their property during the removal.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) for the Unified Command response will be transitioning off-site today. Any media calls can be directed to (213) 240-8144 or media@ph.lacounty.gov to arrange for interviews or obtain information about the response.

Response by the Numbers (Updated 7/08/16)

- 30 households, with a combined total of 129 adults and children, have been notified that they can move back home. Unified Command anticipates that most residents will be back in their homes by the end of the weekend.
- 18 households (total of 89 people) remain temporarily relocated, including five on the South side of E. 52nd St. (for medical reasons only).
- Outdoor sampling on 17 parcels has been completed, some of these parcels include multiple residences.
- All outdoor cleanup has been completed on 14 parcels requiring cleanup. Three parcels are nearly complete.
- All outdoor soil sampling has been completed. Sampling was conducted at 24 parcels, including seven parcels on the south side of E. 52nd Street.
- All indoor sampling has been completed.
- Nine residences have been identified as requiring indoor cleaning, and all have been cleaned up. Two of these households have been notified that they are approved to move home. UC is awaiting verification sampling results for the remaining 7 homes before recommending the homes for re-occupancy.

For a detailed timeline of the response, please visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/fire
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